Revision of coal prices

1857. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the coal prices revised during the two years ;

(b) the reasons for revising the coal prices ;

(c) the increase in the cost of production of coal since last revision of coal prices ; and

(d) whether Government propose to increase the prices of coal to cover the rise in cost of production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) During the last two years i.e. 1992 and 1993 the prices of coal were revised twice—first time in February, 1993 in order to offset the increase in the cost of various inputs in the production of coal and second time in June, 1993 to compensate the coal companies for increase in Variable Dearness Allowance paid to employees retrospectively from 01-01-1989.

(c) The average cost of production of coal for Coal India Ltd. for 1992-93 was Rs. 334.31 per tonne (actual). The budgeted cost for 1993-94 has been estimated at Rs. 364.65 per tonne. The increase between 1992-93 and 1993-94 is therefore estimated at Rs. 30.34 per tonne.

(d) Coal Companies are required to be compensated for increase in costs of inputs according to the formula prescribed by Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices (BICP).

Supply of Coal to Koradi Thermal Power Station

1858. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the required amount of coal is not being supplied to the Koradi Thermal Power Station, near Nagpur in Maharashtra ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) how much coal is required by this Power Station annually and how much is being supplied ; and

(d) what steps are being taken to see that proper supply of coal to this power station is maintained ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. Adequate quantity of coal has been supplied to Koradi Thermal Power Station of Maharashtra State Electricity Board.

The annual coal requirements of Koradi Thermal Power Station, as assessed by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) vis-a-vis actual supplies during the last two years as furnished by Coal India Limited (CIL) are given below :

(Fig. in '000 tonnes)
(Data Provisional)

Year	Assessed requirement	Actual despatch	%age materialisation
1992-93	3,953	4,751	120%
1993-94 (April, 93 to Jan, 94)	4,204	4,832	115%

(d) Supplies of coal to all power utilities including Koradi Thermal Power Station are closely monitored and coordinated with all concerned agencies including coal companies, Central Electricity Authority and Railways.

Complaint regarding supply of bad quality of coal to MSEB

1859. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Maharashtra State Electricity Board has complained about the bad quality of coal being supplied to the Thermal Power Stations in the State ;